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<p>This coordinated response to the April 19 Gejdenson document request was drafted by Justice and incorporates Commerce revisions coordinated with other agencies. State, Defense and Commerce are to use the coordinated text in their separate responses.</p>							



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Honorable Sam Gejdenson
Chairman
Subcommittee on International
Economic Policy and Trade
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your April 19, letter to Secretary Mosbacher requesting documents concerning export licensing actions and policy relating to Iraq. I understand that similar letters have been sent to the Departments of State and Defense.

Your letters have requested a wide range of intra-agency and inter-agency documents for as much as a twelve-year period from 1979 until the present. Compliance with your request will require this agency to divert its attention from current business (including license processing, the Core List, and the Enhanced Proliferation Control Initiative) to review tens of thousands of documents, which will require more than a thousand man-hours. The review will be particularly time-consuming because of the volume of documents generated by the licensing process, many of which have been sent to archives or stored on microfilm. It will also be necessary to coordinate our response with other agencies.

In an effort to accommodate the Subcommittee's legislative interests in this matter, we are proceeding expeditiously to identify documents that are responsive to your request. In light of the volume and numerous locations of these materials, however, we will be unable to respond by May 13th, the date requested in your letters. Although we intend to respond as soon thereafter as possible, we believe it would be in the interests of all concerned if staff from the Subcommittee and a group representing the agencies you have contacted could meet in the near future to discuss how the agencies can best allocate their limited resources in responding to your requests. At such a meeting we could identify the categories of documents the Subcommittee is most interested in reviewing and discuss ways in which your requests might be narrowed, otherwise modified, or satisfied in some other manner.



If you agree that such a meeting would be useful, please have a member of your staff call Michael Gale, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs (377-3663), to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

Joan M. McEntee
Acting Under Secretary